

WATER COMPANY PREPARING TO BEGIN WORK ON PLANT

Engineers Are Working on Plans and Arranging Location.

MORE GROUND NECESSARY

Company will Probably Have Things in Readiness When the Weather Opens.

The Charleroi Water company has its engineers at work at present, and are making the preliminary preparations for the beginning of the construction work on the filtration plant to be erected in this borough. The engineers are preparing the plans, and arranging for the location. The filtration plant will be erected as near as possible to the old pumping station.

The real work on the erection of the plant will be begun, if everything can be so arranged, when the weather opens up sufficiently. It will no doubt be necessary for the company to purchase more ground, and it is understood that there is a deal under way at the present time for a site.

The company will have to increase its pumping capacity, and so arrange that there will not be danger in the future of a break down that will tie up the water service for four days, such as was experienced three years ago.

It will take nearly a year to complete and get in running shape the filtration plant, it is said. The plant will cost several thousand of dollars, according to the statement of the Water company.

SHOW APPRECIATION FOR CIRCLE DEPUTY

At the regular meeting of the Charleroi order Companions of the Forest of America on Tuesday evening Miss Lydia Reddick, the circle deputy, was presented with a beautiful band bracelet in appreciation of her good work for this circle. Mrs. Cecelia Kirk, chief companion, made the presentation. Out of town visitors at the meeting were Mrs. S. J. Reddick of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. W. Crawford of Alliance, Ohio.

Recorded this Week

May 14, 1909.—Robert Pollock of Star Junction, and Mary J. Eckles, of Charleroi, lot in Charleroi, on McKean-avenue, 22x100 feet; consideration \$900.

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Mrs. L. V. Carson of New Castle, after a visit over Christmas here with her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Crill of Fifth street, left this morning for her home.

Notice

The Protected Home Circle will have a New Year's tree at the hall on Friday night, December 31, for members only. 111t2

Charleroi Men in Party Who Will Tour Cuba

Leave Today for New York Whence They will Sail New Year's Day.

J. D. Berryman, a member of the firm of J. W. Berryman and son, Van T. Sheplar, and John Steinbaugh left this morning for a party of tourists in Pittsburgh for a trip to Cuba. They will go to New York whence they will sail on New Year's Day for Cuba. They will visit along the coast, and then go into the interior 250 miles. The trip is to be merely for pleasure.

TEMPERATURE HOVERS DOWN AROUND ZERO

Too Cold to Get the Lowest Mark at Lock No. 4.

MUCH ICE IN THE RIVER

The coldest day of the year started off officially this morning and has all the evidences in the world of finishing up with a temperature about the same tonight. The weather man predicted shivers a plenty, and the people had them. After that he got down to business and sort of mixed himself up about declaring whether we were to get warmer weather or whether this Klondike snap was to continue.

The mercury hovered around four degrees above this morning, as near as can be learned. At the Government works at Lock No. 4, the lowest mark was not registered, but the mercury crept down mighty close to the big round figure.

In the river there is ice enough to make the average ice man's heart throb with utmost joy, but it's most too cold to pack it and lay it away until warmer weather. The ice is 8 or 9 inches thick, and getting thicker all the time. Sleighing parties have been interfered with somewhat by the cold, but still there are several that venture out for the winter pleasures. Automobiles are apparently strangers, but where they are seen, it is with a blanket wrapped around their bonnet to keep the engine warm, and moving.

The weather man is the authority for the information that December 29 is generally pretty cold. The mercury last year went to 9 degrees, in 1905 it was zero, and in 1900 it was 2. These were among the coldest years of December 29 in recent years.

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DIVIDEND IS DECLARED BY PITTSBURGH COAL COMPANY

Stockholders will Share in Prosperity of Corporation to the Extent of \$337,500.

SURPRISES MANY WHO STOOD BY PLAN

The directors of the Pittsburgh Coal company yesterday afternoon declared a dividend of 1.14 per cent on the preferred stock of the company. The dividend will be payable January 25 on stock of record January 10. The action of the board was announced at 3:10 o'clock, at which time the directors adjourned. Other matters were discussed at the meeting but what was done could not be learned.

One of the officers of the company was asked if the sale of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company to other interests was considered, but declined to discuss that matter.

The Pittsburgh Coal company has not paid a dividend to its stockholders since April 25, 1905. The company has a capital of \$55,000,000 evenly divided between preferred and common stock, so that the ordering of a dividend of 1.14 per cent on the preferred stock means the distribution of about \$337,500, to its stockholders. The company has been prosperous during the last six months and the outlook for the future is said to be bright.

PROMINENT YOUNG CHARLEROI COUPLE QUIETLY MARRIED

Nuptials of Miss Cora M. Kline and Mr. Frank L. McClure Performed Last Night.

Miss Cora M. Kline, the daughter of Mrs. Rachel Kline, of this place, and Frank L. McClure were married last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Rev. J. T. Hackett, of the First Presbyterian church, who performed the ceremony. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the attendants, Miss Linnie McClure, a sister of the groom, and George Kline, brother of the bride, being present. The ring ceremony was used. The couple will not take a trip at the present, but will take up housekeeping at 311 Washington avenue.

The bride is a popular young lady of Charleroi, and enjoys a large circle of friends. She has for some time held a responsible clerical position at the Macbeth-Evans plant here. The groom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. McClure, of Washington avenue, is a rising young grocer. He is the proprietor and manager of a store on Fifth street, and enjoys a large trade. The couple are tendered the best wishes of a host of friends.

SOUTHWEST SUFFERING UNUSUALLY FROM THE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Letter to Charleroi Man Descriptive as to Extent of Cold Wave.

A letter received by B. L. Parsons of Fallowfield avenue from his sister, Mrs. Ollie P. Haney, of Russellville, Arkansas, states that the cold weather that has been experienced lately extends to the south. Mrs. Haney writes that on Christmas day snow and ice were so excessive that people were literally snowed in, and could not get out. This, she states, is unusual for that part of Arkansas, the inhabitants of which had never before witnessed a similar condition.

JOHNSON-KETCHEL FIGHT BY PICTURE

Pictures of the Johnson-Ketchel contest at Colma, Cal., have been secured by Manager R. L. Barnhart, of the Palace Theatre, and will be shown at that place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 4, 5 and 6. A matinee will be run on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 2 o'clock. The pictures are the originals taken at the time of the fight and are said to be exceptionally good.

Notice

This store will be open Friday night and closed all day on New Year's Saturday, Jan. 1, 1910. Berryman's. 111t2

FRIDAY THE LAST DAY FOR ASSESSORS TO MAKE RETURNS

Frederick Music Company's Stock Bought by Furlong

Pioneer Piano Dealer will Likely Remove Into Former Location.

The stock of the W. F. Frederick Music company, at the store on Fallowfield avenue, has been purchased by A. H. Furlong, the proprietor of Charleroi's only other music house. The deal has just been closed.

It is likely that Mr. Furlong will remove into the building at present occupied by the Frederick company. He would thus be back into his old location, which he left, while his stock was purchased by W. F. Frederick, some years ago. The W. F. Frederick Music company will work the Charleroi territory from their Pittsburgh store.

COUNTY SEAT BANKS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

Good Dividends are Declared by Several Institutions.

16 PER CENT BY ONE

Dividends recently declared by the banks at Washington show that the county seat institutions have had a prosperous year, and their business fairly indicates general conditions throughout the whole county.

The directors of the Citizens National bank at Washington Tuesday declared a semi-annual dividend of eight per cent payable immediately. This is an increase of four per cent annually, the dividends of this bank heretofore having been six per cent semi-annually.

The Washington Trust company declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent yesterday. This company was reorganized eight years ago and has paid six per cent annual dividends for the past five years. Its capital is \$500,000 and its surplus \$700,000. It has now paid out \$100,000 in dividends within the past five years.

At its meeting two weeks ago the board of directors of the Real Estate Trust of Washington declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent on the capital stock of \$200,000, payable January 1.

The directors of the Union Trust company of Washington also took action two weeks ago declaring a quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent upon the capital of \$250,000 payable January 1.

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Mrs. W. C. Clark, and children left this morning for Beaver, where they will visit friends.

Busy Time Now About the County Commissioners Office.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

Triennial Assessment From Charleroi will be Returned Tomorrow.

Friday is the last day for the return by assessors of the triennial assessment of their respective districts. So far a majority of the boroughs and townships are in, and it is expected that all will be in by Friday evening. With all the regular clerks busy, and with extra clerks and stenographers, these are busy times about the county commissioners' office.

A tabulated statement will furnish to the taxpayers of the county all the information the assessors' returns show. In addition to preparing this table, there is being prepared for the use of the commissioners an alphabetical list of the taxables of each borough and township, and after each name is shown the number of acres of surface owned, coal owned, or coal and surface owned, the value and average per acre. There are separate statements for each. For instance one alphabetical list shows the number of surface land the taxable owns, the value placed thereon by the assessor, and the average per acre.

The same plan is carried out in comparing the coal and in comparing the coal and surface. In addition to these comparisons in townships and boroughs comparisons are also made between different townships. The returns are all being carefully compared.

Each commissioner will be furnished a bound list of the assessments throughout the county, alphabetically arranged, with comparisons made, acreage average, and everything in the best shape possible for the reaching of an equitable adjustment of values throughout the county on surface, coal and surface, and coal.

Assessor Harvey Parsons of Charleroi has been hard at work getting his sheets ready, and expects to make his returns tomorrow.

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Dec. 30 in American History.

1851—Lajos (Louis) Kossuth, Hungarian patriot and exile, visited Washington on invitation of congress.

1861—The banks in New York, Philadelphia and Boston suspended specie payments.

1903—The Iroquois theater burned in Chicago; 583 lives lost.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:34, rises 7:20; moon rises 8:42 p. m.; sun's declination 23 degrees 10 minutes south of celestial equator.

Coming to its Own

The announcement that the preferred stock of the Pittsburgh Coal company has once again been placed on a dividend basis will be welcome intelligence to the large number of stockholders of this section. Since April 25, 1905, the company has passed its dividends, and the stockholders of the preferred class have been content to live on the hope that their holdings, which are on the cumulative basis, would ultimately realize the accrued dividends. The dividend of one and one-quarter per cent just declared by the directors will indicate that the Pittsburgh Coal company is coming back to its own.

Undoubtedly the Pittsburgh Coal company is a responsible concern, but in popular vernacular it is land poor. It has millions of assets in excess of its liabilities, but as the greater part of these assets are locked up in the ground, the stockholders of this generation take little comfort in the future prospects that may not be realized until another generation. This, together with the experience that corporations have ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, creates an impression that no one can tell what a reorganization may bring forth. On paper the Pittsburgh Coal company has assets that are gilt edged and it can figure good profits per acre in its coal production. There are some other things on paper also that are not so alluring. These are some millions of dollars of liabilities in addition to the millions more of preferred and common stock that are entitled to dividends, and as the production of coal is always more or less limited, the stock of the company as a paying investment is as uncertain as any of the smaller concerns.

Legitimate Business Slow

A glance at the dividend statements of the banking institutions that are appearing in the newspapers just now shows that the average rate paid by the most prosperous ones is six per cent. Some of the older and larger institutions that are on an exceptionally good basis declare a higher rate—eight, ten or twelve per cent—but as a rule few of them go above the latter figure. If any of them realize a surplus above the average rate, it is carefully laid away against the time

which inevitable occurs when business takes a slump. Any legitimate investment that pays six per cent dividends, and can reasonably be depended upon to keep up this rate, is considered in the "gilt edged" class.

The profit rate of the banking institutions is very nearly that of all other legitimate business concerns. The dry good store, the grocery, or the other purveyor of staples, that realizes more than seven or eight per cent profit on its gross business year in and year out, may well be considered on the same business basis as the banks. This is so universally recognized that the legal rate of interest is fixed approximately on the same basis. Six per cent may be considered a low rate of profit by those who have money to loan, yet it is a demonstrated principle that no business or individual can pay that rate on a capital stock for business purposes and refund the principal, except under extraordinary favorable conditions.

The big fortunes made in business enterprises had special conditions in their favor. The Standard Oil company had traffic rebates that no other company could get; the iron and steel interests had tariff protection that enabled them to impose prices away out of all proportions, and other concerns have been equally favored. All legitimate business propositions, however, must be calculated on the six per cent basis of profit, and those that exceed this figure can felicitate themselves on good business management and generally favorable conditions.

An Object Lesson

In view of the pressure that is being brought to bear in certain quarters to compel the county commissioners to readjust coal land assessments to the maximum rate paid per acre in recent purchases, the experience of the Pittsburgh Coal company and its stockholders may furnish something of a guide in determining the proper valuations. There is no doubt but what this company has valuable coal lands in Washington county, and that when marketed the coal has a fixed value, but lying in the ground, together with the fact that it cannot be realized upon perhaps for a generation to come, must necessarily give this asset more or less of a fictitious value.

The county commissioners will do well to go ahead and make their adjustments on the assessed valuation of coal lands on a purely business basis, regardless of whatever political bearings it may have. Heretofore assessments in this county have been made on a purely political basis, and adjustments were also made largely for the promotion of personal political interests. The time has now arrived when justice and equity should govern this matter, and there is no doubt but what they will so far as possible. There is no sense in assessing a product that cannot be realized upon at its maximum value when marketed. The fact that the Pittsburgh Coal company, which has undeniable assets, cannot pay its stockholders interest on the money borrowed to secure these interests, is ample evidence that the product which is still intact, is not worth as much in the hills at it is at the furnace.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

One would surmise from the number of crimes that are being committed at large in Washington county, that we could find use for some State Police.

Dr. Cook is reported to be in Northern Quebec. The explorers on the lookout for him will please take notice.

The man who can find and shoot a goose in the air now, is more admired than the man who discovered the North Pole.

It's an unprofitable performance for times ejecting persons out of a saloon. They might fall on the pavement and break their fool heads, and then the ejector would have to answer.

A joke editor of a magazine is supposed to be funny, no matter how bad he has the grip.

The joys of sleigh riding are vividly pictured, but the street car is the more comfortable.

One good thing about cold winter: It lessens the danger of skating on thin ice.

A man who played Santa Clause for his children sometimes get into an awful mess. One fellow who attempted the stunt got his furs on fire. They had to call out the fire department and the hose was turned on the poor fellow. The water froze as it fell, and now they've got half a dozen fires round him to thaw him out.

Serious minded citizens are always objecting to something in which the people generally find a great deal of pleasure.

Mary Garden calls men babies. What's the matter, Mary? Can't you find anyone to sue for breach of promise?

The Monongahela Republican under the heading of "No Sleighs or Sleds in Charleroi" prints the following: "While we have had a ringing of sleigh bells in our ears for more than a week, we are yet to see a sleigh, or sled—Charleroi Mail. And then, say Charleroi isn't behind the times. Will some one kindly brush the cob webs or perhaps remove the frost from his windows? But then it must be considered these Charleroi people can hardly be expected to put their buzz wagons, even if there is four feet of snow." The bit reprinted from the Mail was published so long ago that it has been practically forgotten—in fact before the snow began to fall. Now, we wonder who needs to wipe off their specks?

Many of the daily papers, which claim the title of contemporaries of the Mail, are most conspicuous for their lack of local stories. Apparently things do not happen with their wanted frequency.

Faith's Unconquerable Anchorage
As long as sin and sorrow and death are in the world, the Rock of Ages, will be the invincible anchorage of faith.—Rev. Dr. John E. White.

Aroused Her Curiosity After All.
"Don't want any," said a housekeeper from her second story window to a street vender whose covered wagon was standing a few steps away and who had just pulled the bell.

"Don't want any what?" gruffly asked the vender, who hadn't had even a chance to tell what his wares were.

"What have you got?" asked the housekeeper, whose curiosity was getting the better of her annoyance.

"Oh, never mind. You don't want any. Git up, Bob!"

"Now, I wonder what that exasperating man is selling, anyhow!" she exclaimed as the wagon disappeared around the corner.—Exchange.

Silenced Him.

The young man in the barber's chair had been annoyed by suggestions of the white coated artist, although he had said clearly enough when he sat down that he wanted only a hair cut and a shampoo. Singeing, facial massage and hair tonics had been offered vainly.

Finally the barber perpetrated what is with barbers the crowning insult. Passing his hand over the young man's face, he said contemptuously: "Shave yourself, don't you?" "Sure," said the young man. "Don't you?" And there was silence.—Washington Post.

Muskats For Meat.

Of all animals that supply meat to man the muskrat has been the most abused and the least understood, says the Baltimore Star. Its name had bred in the public mind a prejudice that has been almost unconquerable, but truth will prevail in spite of fate. As a fact the muskrat is one of the neatest and most delightful of animals. It is a crank in cleanliness. It dines with the care of an epicure. It eats only the whitest and tenderest morsels. And its flesh has qualities that can be compared only to terrapin. Indeed, there are good people along the Chesapeake, where all the best things live and grow, who find in the well served muskrat satisfaction that is equal to the diamondback. Only the ignorant and the prejudiced think differently, and they may be educated.

The Colossus of Rhodes.

The gigantic Colossus of Rhodes was one of the seven wonders of the world. It was erected in honor of the sun by Charles of Lindus, a disciple of Lysippus, and was thrown down by an earthquake about 224 B. C.

The figure stood upon two moles, a leg extended on each side of the harbor. A winding staircase led to the top of the figure, from out of the eyes of which were visible the coast of Syria and the ships sailing on the coast of Egypt. The colossi were the peculiar characteristic of eastern art and were of common occurrence, many of them being over sixty feet in height. The most celebrated is the statue of Memnos, on the plain of Thebes, described by the historian Strabo.

DESPTS IN THE LAND.

Some Samples of Absolute Rule in the Household.

Americans like to boast of free speech, free press and free everything, while they look with pity on the down-trodden and oppressed individuals who are the subjects of sultan or czar, but they surely must know that right here in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" we have absolute monarchies ruled by despots.

The good tempered man who must humor every whim of an unreasonable woman knows nothing about a happy home life. It is impossible to love a woman who must be obeyed absolutely, though many wives complacently point to the devotion of their adoring husbands just because those husbands allow them to have their own way in everything.

But there is just as much unhappiness in the home where the husband is the tyrant, as where the wife rules. Out in the world some men pass for good citizens and devoted fathers and husbands, but the home folks could tell a different story. There are women living in luxury who never have a penny to call their own and who have to resort to all sorts of trickery to obtain things they want. It isn't enough that a woman has plenty to eat and fine clothes to wear, no matter what some husbands think on the subject. And it isn't only money that makes domestic happiness. Some husbands are so made up that they cannot be easy unless they "manage" every detail of the housekeeping and make everything conform to their pleasure. Entertaining, church work, housecleaning, dozens of feminine occupations have to be carried on by stealth in many homes simply because the husband and father acts like a three-year-old.

The prophet of old pronounced a woe upon the nation whose ruler was a child, but if he lived in these days childish despots would be too numerous to attract special attention most likely. Of course parents are to blame, but no one could possibly like the pet, saucy children who make slaves of their fathers and mothers. The forward, uppish children lay down the law as calmly as any monarch issues decrees. The mother who does without clothes to gorgeously attire her daughter is heaping up trouble for herself as sure as anything.

Sometimes the tyrant is a rich relative whom the whole family must obey to keep in a good humor.

There are people who are such slaves to the demands of society that they do not have enough to eat in order to spend the money on dress and entertaining, and if they do not lead a life of slavery then no one does. To be ruled by what people will say is another form of serfdom, says an exchange, and yet in some homes that is the only recognized law.

Foresight.

Little George, who was four years old, had been told many Bible stories. Among them was the story of the flood and the building of the ark by Noah. One day a storm threatened. The clouds grew darker, the wind arose, and suddenly the rain began to fall.

"Auntie," said George, "do you think it is going to storm?"

"Yes, I think it will," was the reply. "Do you think it will be a bad storm?" asked the little fellow.

"Yes, I think it will be a hard storm," the aunt replied.

"Well, don't you think some of us had better begin building an ark?" he asked.—Los Angeles Times.

"Knocking" Cupid.

There wouldn't be so many breach of promise suits if Cupid didn't get cold feet.—Judge.

Byron Reviled.

The boy who braved an angry popper because he could not tell a whopper bequeathed the name of Washington To make men sigh there was but one.—New York Times.

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Taught Any Habit.

There have been on exhibition at various times horses that are apparently prodigies of mathematical insight—that can do anything with numbers that the trainer can do. Yet we absolutely know that no animal can do as much as count at all. Furthermore, it is always the horse that performs these marvels, though the horse is the most utterly stupid of all the dumb creatures that man has made his friends.

That is precisely why the horse is always taken to be made into an arithmetician. He is so stupid that he can be taught anything—any habit, that is—and, having no mind to be taken up with his own affairs, can be relied on to do exactly as he is told.

All these arithmetical fakes, whatever their details, are worked in essentially the same way. The horse is taught, by endless repetitions, some mechanical habit. A given signal, and he begins to paw the floor. Another signal, and he stops. Press the proper button, and he takes a sponge and rubs it over a certain spot on a blackboard or picks up a card lying in a certain position. That is all he does. The meaning of the act exists for the spectator only. The pawings count the answer to a problem in addition; the card bears the reply to a question, but the horse does not know it. He merely follows a blind habit. Just as he will stop when you say "Whoa!" though you interpolate the word into your recitation of the Declaration of Independence.—McClure's Magazine.

The Real Reason.
"Why don't you go down Mill street?"

"Well, you see, on one side of it lives my tailor and on the other side my shoemaker, while a canal runs through the middle."—Megendorfer Blatter.

When death has come it is never our tenderness we repent of, but our severity.—Elliot.

LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and
Events in this Community.

Mrs. John B. Schafer and Miss Anna Schafer left today for Brookville where they will visit. Miss Schafer will remain to attend school there.

Mrs. William F. Hughes of Bradock, after a visit in Charleroi with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Riley, of McKean avenue, has returned home.

Glenn Johnson, a member of the police force of Bradock who has been here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Riley, returned home yesterday.

The Alpha Phi Betas will hold a dance in the Bank of Charleroi Hall tonight. It is expected that a number from out of town will attend the affair.

Mrs. John Steinbaugh was a Pittsburgh visitor yesterday.

Miss Adèle Heupel has gone to Pittsburgh, where she will spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brown, of Durbin, W. Va., Miss Nannie Morgan, of Pittsburgh, Miss Leila Jenks, and Eugene Jenks, of Punxsutawney have been guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin McKay, of Washington avenue.

AFTER THE BATTLE

An Incident That Seemed to Explain
Joshua's Miracle.

There was an incident in our life at Brandy, connected with Gettysburg, which is worth relating. Batchelder, whose map of the battlefield of Gettysburg is authority and whom we had fallen in with while we were there, asked to join our mess at Brandy when he came to the army to verify the positions of the various commands. One night we had just sat down to dinner when he entered our big hospital tent, quite tired.

"Well," he announced after taking his place at the table, "I have been down in the Second corps today, and I believe I have discovered how Joshua made the sun stand still. I first went to — regiment and had the — mark on the map the hour of their position at a certain point. Then I went to — regiment in the same brigade. They declared positively it was one or two hours earlier or later than that given by the other. So it went on, no two regiments or brigades agreeing, and if I hinted that some of them — st certainly be mistaken they would get me down by saying with — re dignity, 'We were there, Batchelder, and we ought to know, I guess, and I made up my mind that it would take a day of at least twenty hours instead of thirteen at Gettysburg to satisfy their accounts. So when Joshua's captain got around him after the fight and they began to talk it over the only way under the heavens that he could ever harmonize their statements was to make the sun stand still and give them all a chance.'"

Any one who has ever tried to establish the exact position or hour when anything took place in an engagement will confirm Batchelder's experience and possibly, if not too orthodox, accept his explanation of Joshua's feat. —Morris Schaff in Atlantic.

Gift For Those Going Abroad.
A pretty and convenient little gift to make for the friend who is going abroad is in the form of a linen envelope about an inch longer and wider than the picture postcards which are so popular.

Green or blue linen may be used and the words "Postal Cards" embrodered in the outline stitch on the front of the envelope. You can embroder your friend's initials on the flap, which fastens with a button and loop.

The envelope is bound with white ribbon and makes a dainty case for the foreign postal cards.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings
of All Denominations.

The finer feelings are like the wind—men know not whence they come nor whither they go.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

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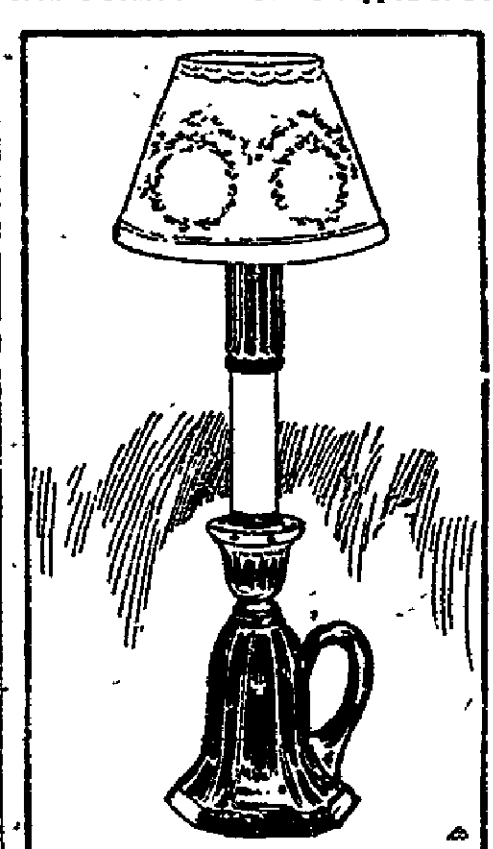
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SOME CANDLE SHADES.

French Fluted Model That is Easy to
Make.

The day of the fluted droplight over the dining table is done; the hanging lamp is happily tabooed; the chandelier holds its old, exalted position, but its overhead and spreading light is quite discouraged by every hostess who has become a convert to softened colors and candle shades.

Who among us is not won over to the little fairy lights dotted around the festive board? When we happen to be



A FRENCH FLUTED AFFAIR.

in a particularly responsive mood their little, sparkling jets of light seem almost to transport us to some other land.

One particularly happy feature in the candle shade of home manufacture is the ease with which the original may be reproduced. This makes it entirely possible to keep a supply of "repeats" in reserve for renewing scorched ones and keeping up the required number.

If one is in the least handy with the water color box any of the bristleboard shades may be readily copied. When originality of design is out of the question, tracing may be resorted to and perhaps an even more appropriate color substituted.

A fluted shade resembling the French fluted ones may be accomplished by those fairly expert. The knife fluted material covers a cardboard shield and is fastened at top and bottom with narrow galloon. They are very fetching—indeed, quite delicious in their suggestion of the little fluted covers with something to eat inside—and eminently suitable to deck the mahogany when used with the short glass candlestick reproducing the antique.

STAGECOACH ROBBERS.

How the Express Companies Deal
With Old Time Highwaymen.

It was the treasure box of the Wells-Fargo company, which transported practically all the gold and silver from the mining camps that was the special object of the old time stagecoach highwayman. A shrewd band of robbers would not hold up a stage unless they had good reason to think it carried a large shipment of gold, and they used every means to find out when these shipments would be made. The company, on the other hand, tried to deceive and trap them, and there was a war of wits as well as weapons. A favorite method of the company when their stages had been repeatedly robbed by some band whose success showed they had inside information as to the time of shipment was to let a rumor leak out that on a certain day a large amount of gold dust would be secretly sent out by special stage. This, of course, would reach the ears of some of the band and a robbery be duly organized. A spy would see a number of heavy boxes placed aboard and report all well. When the highwaymen halted the stage the driver and guard would meekly give up and crawl to the ground. Then just when the bands had grown careless from easy success there poured from the loopholed coach a deadly fire that at such short range wiped out the entire gang at the first volley, for the coach was a decoy, filled not with gold, but with men expert with the rifle. In 1866 three bands were thus blown to perdition on the old stage line between Virginia City, Nev., and Sacramento, Washington Post.

A New When to Stop.
The shrewd lawyer knows when to stop questioning, and none is more shrewd than the one who, conducting a case of bribery, questioned a man the other day who is rated high in the business world.

"Have you yourself ever refused a bribe?" he asked.

"No, but"—

"That is all," said the lawyer.

At a later time he was asked why he had dismissed the witness so soon.

"Because," he replied, "I knew by the 'but' that he was going to tell me no one had ever attempted to bribe him."—New York Times.

Only an Amateur Now.
"No, sir," said the man who had been asked for alms; "I can give you nothing. You are a professional beggar, aren't you?"

"I used to think so," replied the beggar, as he sadly pulled two cents and a collar button from his pocket, "but I have come to the conclusion that I am only an amateur."

TWO CLEVER ROGUES

By F. A. MITCHELL

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One morning a gentleman drove up to a New York hotel in a cab, a trunk plastered all over with foreign labels was carried in, and the gentleman following wrote his name on the register, "Edward Cheltenham, Sheffield, England."

"Had a pleasant voyage?" asked the clerk urbanely.

"Very. Regular mill pond trip."

"Front! Show the gentleman to 50."

Mr. Cheltenham dined heartily, went to bed, arose betimes the next morning, breakfasted and strolled out of the hotel and down the street.

"What building is this?" he asked of one who was passing before an enormous structure.

"Criminal court."

Mr. Cheltenham stood with a best tating look on his face for a few moments, then entered and took a seat in the courtroom. Several minor cases were disposed of when the case of Stephen Dale was called. Dale was charged with burglary. He had not been caught in the act, but running away from the bank at the time the robbery was committed and within a few hundred feet of the bank door. The hour of the arrest was midnight, and there was at the time no other person in the immediate neighborhood, so naturally the evidence against him, though circumstantial, was strong. Indeed, the judge appeared impatient to dispose of the case, which could only be expected to result in a conviction. It was about to be submitted to the jury when the prisoner, catching sight of Mr. Cheltenham, seemed transported with astonishment and relief.

"Your honor," he exclaimed, "there is a man who can prove what I have claimed—that when the robbery was committed I was not in this country."

"What man?"

"The gentleman in the gray suit, with sandy whiskers. I ask that he be called to the witness stand."

"What's your name?" asked the judge of the person designated.

"Edward Cheltenham."

"Take the stand."

"I protest against being drawn into this case, of which I know nothing," said Mr. Cheltenham, evidently annoyed. "I'm a British citizen just over from England on business and never saw that man before in my life."

"Take the stand," repeated the judge.

The Britisher obeyed, muttering something about the "blasted country" and the rights of a British citizen.

"Your residence?" asked the judge.

"Sheffield, England."

"Occupation?"

"I am the traveling partner of a large, cutlery manufactory."

Turning to the prisoner, the judge told him to state on what grounds he based his claim that the stranger could prove an alibi.

"The robbery was committed," said Dale, "on the 20th of June last. During that month I was a porter at Morley's hotel in Charing Cross, London. I carried the gentleman's luggage from his room down and out to a cab. I remember him especially because he gave me a very large tip—half a sovereign."

The judge asked the witness if he was in London and at Morley's at the time designated.

"I don't know," said Mr. Cheltenham. "I can't be expected to remember every place I visit. I travel eight months in the year. This man is an impostor and trying to use me."

"Do you keep any memoranda of places you visit?"

"Only an expense account."

"Have you your expense account covering that period with you?"

"I have my memorandum book of expenses at my hotel. I'll go and get it if you like, but I'm sure"—

"Take him to his hotel," said the judge to a constable, "get the book and bring him and the book back."

Mr. Cheltenham, bristling with British indignation, was conducted to his hotel, unlocked his trunk, took out the memorandum book, of which the constable took charge, and the party returned to the courtroom.

"Tell the jury," said the judge, "if you have any entry made at Morley's hotel, London, on or about June 20."

The witness, still indignant, fumbled over the leaves of the book and at last stopped apparently disconcerted. Then he said, "I do find an entry pertaining to the case on June 21 covering expenses at Morley's and"—He stopped, with a look of astonishment.

"And what?"

"To porter, tip—half a sovereign."

Never was there greater surprise at a remarkable happening. Dale's vindication was complete. The judge gave a lecture on the care that should be taken in cases involving the liberty or life of the people, and the jury acquitted the accused without leaving their seats. Even Mr. Cheltenham was softened, though he declared that no such narrow escape of an innocent man could have occurred in England. The prisoner was released from custody, and Mr. Cheltenham was permitted to return to his hotel.

An hour later an officer of the court under pretext of carrying to Mr. Cheltenham his witness fee, but really to learn something of the Britisher, went to his hotel. Mr. Cheltenham immediately on his return from the courtroom had departed, bag and baggage. All the stations were telephoned to, and the same evening Cheltenham, alias Sparkles, alias Hunkey Jim, was arrested in company with Dale. The next day the two were summarily convicted of having robbed the — bank and hustled off to the penitentiary to serve out a twenty year sentence.

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GREAT SEASON OF OPERA

Pittsburgh's season of grand opera at the Nixon Theatre next week holds forth charm in its repertoire that has not been offered to opera lovers in this section in years. Also for the first time in years it is promised that Pittsburgh is to have the classic masterpieces staged exactly as one sees them in New York, London or Paris. To do this the Boston Grand Opera Company is to bring two trainloads of artists, musicians and scenery, including all its original Boston productions. Director Henry Russel, backed by the Boston millionaires art patrons who built the great Boston Opera House, has determined that this first visit of the company shall be made notable in the local Grand Opera annals. There is no better way to impress a modern audience than to give them something better than has been given before. For this reason the company will bring its original productions. There is as great difference between original productions and those which the big company heretofore have taken with them on tour, as there is between five dollar opera and opera of the dollar brand. In the past Pittsburgh and other cities in the middle west have been getting the "dollar" productions. Nor will the Boston Opera company divide its forces and attempt to give opera elsewhere the same week it is in Pittsburgh.

Lipkowska will be the talk of the town after the Tuesday night performance of "Lakma," and the Nixon will probably not be large enough to hold the crowd on Friday night when the opera will be repeated. "Lakma" will be sung in French. Delibes is celebrated for his finished gems of composition for the coloratura singer and the dancer. His "Sylvia" and "Copellia" ballets are favorites on the symphony orchestra programs, while his "Lakma" ballet is his master composition in terpsichorean music. The production for Pittsburgh is the same elaborate investiture that goes to the New Theatre later in the season.

On Wednesday afternoon will be the only German opera of the week when Mme. Nordica, the world's greatest Elsa, and Mme. Oltzka, one of the world's greatest Ortruds, will sing in "Lohengrin." Every music lover will delight in hearing the "Wedding March," Elsa's love song, the "Grail Song," and the Silver Knight's "Swan Song," with the other glorious harmonies of his most popular opera in the world. The overture for "Lohengrin" will start at 1:30 p. m. sharp.

On Wednesday night will come the production of "Carmen," with its Spanish gypsy heroine, in which Mme. Gapp, a daughter of Spain, scored her tremendous success at Covent Garden last year. "Carmen" is another superb production and will have a big cast headed by Constantino as Don Jose.

Puccini's opera of the Latin quarter, "La Boheme," with winsome Alice Nielsen as Mimì, the role in which she made her first success at the Metropolitan, and Bonci as the tenor, will be the Thursday night bill. Of all the modern composers none has caught the American favor like Puccini in his two most popular operas, "La Boheme" and "Madama Butterfly," both of which are to be heard in Pittsburgh. Alice Nielsen will be the heroine in each, singing "Madama Butterfly" at the Saturday matinee. Both will be sung in Italian.

On Friday night there will be a special diversion in addition to the "Lakma" performance, when the sensational Russian dancer, De Swirsky, will make her first appearance in Pittsburgh. Her programme of classic dances will include an interpretation of Grieg's "Peer Gynt" suite, assisted by the entire orchestra. This new dancer is famous for her youthful beauty of form and face, as well as for her grace. Her repertoire includes all of Isadora Duncan's dances and many others. On Friday night the opera will begin at 7:45 o'clock promptly.

The week of grand opera will close with popular "Rigoletto" sung in Italian, and a cast of particular excellence, including Frances Alda as Gilda, Constantino as the Duke, his favorite role; Baklanoff, in his masterful impersonation of Rigoletto, and Nivette, the Italian basso, as Sparafucile.

Subscriptions from out-of-town patrons will be filled at the Nixon Theatre as near as possible location desired. Prices for all performances are \$5.00 for the lower floor, with balcony prices from \$2.00 to \$5.00, and the gallery at \$1.50 and \$1.00, reserved. Make all checks payable to the Boston Opera Company.

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WATER COMPANY PREPARING TO BEGIN WORK ON PLANT

Engineers Are Working on Plans and Arranging Location.

MORE GROUND NECESSARY

Company will Probably Have Things in Readiness When the Weather Opens.

The Charleroi Water company has its engineers at work at present, and are making the preliminary preparations for the beginning of the construction work on the filtration plant to be erected in this borough.

The real work on the erection of the plant will be begun, if everything can be so arranged, when the weather opens up sufficiently. It will no doubt be necessary for the company to purchase more ground, and it is understood that there is a deal under way at the present time for a site.

The company will have to increase its pumping capacity, and so arrange that there will not be danger in the future of a break down that will tie up the water service for four days, such as was experienced three years ago.

It will take nearly a year to complete and get in running shape the filtration plant, it is said. The plant will cost several thousand of dollars, according to the statement of the Water company.

SHOW APPRECIATION FOR CIRCLE DEPUTY

At the regular meeting of the Charleroi Order Companions of the Forest of America on Tuesday evening Miss Lydia Reddick, the circle deputy, was presented with a beautiful band bracelet in appreciation of her good work for this circle. Mrs. Cecelia Kirk, chief companion, made the presentation. Out of town visitors at the meeting were Mrs. S. J. Reddick of Pittsburg, and Mrs. W. Crawford of Alliance, Ohio.

Recorded this Week

May 14, 1909.—Robert Pollock of Star Junction, and Mary J. Eckles, of Charleroi, lot in Charleroi, on McKean avenue, 22x100 feet; consideration \$900.

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Mrs. L. V. Carson of New Castle, after a visit over Christmas here with her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Crill of Fifth street, left this morning for her home.

Notice

The Protected Home Circle will have a New Year's tree at the hall on Friday night, December 31, for members only. 11142

Charleroi Men in Party Who Will Tour Cuba

Leave Today for New York Whence They will Sail New Year's Day.

J. D. Berryman, a member of the Charleroi Men's Association, Van T. Shepler, and John Steinbaugh left this morning to join a party of tourists in Pittsburg for a trip to Cuba. They will go to New York whence they will sail on New Year's Day for Cuba. They will visit along the coast, and then go into the interior 250 miles. The trip is to be merely for pleasure.

TEMPERATURE HOVERS DOWN AROUND ZERO

Too Cold to Get the Lowest Mark at Lock No. 4.

MUCH ICE IN THE RIVER

The coldest day of the year started off officially, this morning and has all the evidences in the world of finishing up with a temperature about the same tonight. The weather man predicted shivers a plenty, and the people had them. After that he got down to business and sort of mixed himself up about declaring whether we were to get warmer weather or whether this Klondike snap was to continue.

The mercury hovered around four degrees above this morning, as near as can be learned. At the Government works at Lock No. 4, the lowest mark was not registered, but the mercury crept down mighty close to the big round figure.

In the river there is ice enough to make the average ice man's heart throb with utmost joy, but it's most too cold to pack it and lay it away until warmer weather. The ice is 8 or 9 inches thick, and getting thicker all the time. Sleighing parties have been interfered with somewhat by the cold, but still there are several that venture out for the winter pleasures. Automobiles are apparently strangers, but where they are seen, it is with a blanket wrapped around their bonnet to keep the engine warm, and moving.

The weather man is the authority for the information that December 29 is generally pretty cold. The mercury last year went to 9 degrees, in 1905 it was zero, and in 1900 it was 2. These were among the coldest years of December 29 in recent years.

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SURPRISES MANY WHO STOOD BY PLAN

The directors of the Pittsburg Coal company yesterday afternoon declared that matter.

The Pittsburg Coal company has not paid a dividend to its stockholders since April 25, 1905. The company 25 on stock of record January 10, has a capital of \$55,000,000 evenly divided between preferred and common stock, so that the ordering of a dividend of 1 1-4 per cent on the preferred stock means the distribution of about \$337,500, to its stockholders. The company has been prosperous during the last six months and the outlook for the future is said to be bright.

One of the officers of the company was asked if the sale of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company to other interests was considered, but declined to discuss that matter.

PROMINENT YOUNG CHARLEROI COUPLE QUIETLY MARRIED

Nuptials of Miss Cora M. Kline and Mr. Frank L. McClure Performed Last Night.

Miss Cora M. Kline, the daughter of Mrs. Rachel Kline, of this place, and Frank L. McClure were married last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Rev. J. T. Hackett, of the First Presbyterian church, who performed the ceremony. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the attendants, Miss Linnie McClure, a sister of the groom, and George Kline, a brother of the bride, being present. The ring ceremony was used. The couple will not take a trip at the present, but will take up housekeeping at 811 Washington avenue.

The bride is a popular young lady of Charleroi, and enjoys a large circle of friends. She has for some time held a responsible clerical position at the Macbeth-Evans plant here. The groom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. McClure, of Washington avenue, is a rising young grocer. He is the proprietor and manager of a store on Fifth street, and enjoys a large trade. The couple are tendered the best wishes of a host of friends.

SOUTHWEST SUFFERING UNUSUALLY FROM THE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Letter to Charleroi Man Descriptive as to Extent of Cold Wave.

A letter received by B. L. Parsons of Fallowfield avenue from his sister, Mrs. Ollie P. Haney, of Russellville, Arkansas, states that the cold weather that has been experienced lately extends to the south. Mrs. Haney writes that on Christmas day snow and ice were so excessive that people were literally snowed in, and could not get out. This, she states, is unusual for that part of Arkansas, the inhabitants of which had never before witnessed a similar condition.

JOHNSON-KETCHEL

FIGHT BY PICTURE

Pictures of the Johnson-Ketchel contest, at Colma, Cal., have been secured by Manager R. L. Barnhart, of the Palace Theatre, and will be shown at that place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 4, 5 and 6. A matinee will be run on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 2 o'clock. The pictures are the originals taken at the time of the fight and are said to be exceptionally good.

Notice

This store will be open Friday night and closed all day on New Year's Saturday, Jan. 1, 1910. Berryman's. 11142

CHIEF J. E. RODERICK INSTRUCTS REGARDING NEW MINOR LABOR LAW

Mine Inspectors Requested to See That New Statute is Obeyed.

The mine inspectors throughout this district have received instructions from Chief of Mines' J. E. Roderick to the effect that they see to the enforcement of the new minor labor law throughout their territories. The new law makes the minimum limit 14 years, and requires the issuance of special certificates by the head of a school district.

Fallowfield

Miss Clara Miller, of Allegheny, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Moses Calhoun, of near Van Voorhis.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mancha and daughter Lulu, of Gastonville, spent their Christmas with the former's sisters, Misses Sarah and Minerva Mancha.

Jasper Redd and wife spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Collin Swager, of Scenery Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kearns and daughter Catherine, of near Uniontown, were at home with Mrs. Kearns' parents Christmas day. They expect to remain at home for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Mancha. Their son, Clyde Mancha, of New Castle, was at home for Christmas.

Misses Alva and Louise Redd spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hartman, of Clairton.

Thomas Cowan, of Monessen, spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cowan.

William Jones and mother, of Jonestown, spent Saturday with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Frank Williams of Ginger Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Riddle were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. William Greenlee, of Bentleyville.

John Porter, of Washington avenue left today for Atlanta, Ga., where he will spend some time with his son, George Porter.

Mrs. George Parks, of Artesia, who is here to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. David Waggoner, is spending the day in Donora with friends.

Miss Eunice Ramsey is a Pittsburg visitor today.

Robert Goyle is spending the day with friends in Pittsburg.

Miss Jessie Spidell left this morning for her home in Bedford, where she will spend three weeks. She was accompanied to Pittsburg by her sister, Miss Maud Spidell.

Miss Mildred Lowstutter went to Brownsville yesterday afternoon where she will spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. A. J. Myers, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, is here for a few days.

Rankin.

Misses Elizabeth Weaver, of McKeesport, and Margaret Gribben, of Pittsburg, are here for a few days, visit with their friends, Miss Kathryn Collins.

FRIDAY THE LAST DAY FOR ASSESSORS TO MAKE RETURNS

Frederick Music Company's Stock Bought by Furlong

Pioneer Piano Dealer will Likely Remove Into Former Location.

The stock of the W. F. Frederick Music Company, at the store in the lowfield avenue, has been purchased by A. H. Furlong, the proprietor of Charleroi's only other music house. The deal has just been closed.

It is likely that Mr. Furlong will remove into the building at present occupied by the Frederick company. He would thus be back into his old location, which he left while his stock was purchased by W. F. Frederick, some years ago. The W. F. Frederick Music company will work the Charleroi territory from their Pittsburg store.

COUNTY SEAT BANKS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

Good Dividends are Declared by Several Institutions.

16 PER CENT BY ONE

Dividends recently declared by the banks at Washington show that the county seat institutions have had a prosperous year, and their business fairly indicates general conditions throughout the whole county.

The directors of the Citizens National bank at Washington Tuesday declared a semi-annual dividend of eight per cent payable immediately. This is an increase of four per cent annually, the dividends of this bank heretofore having been six per cent semi-annually.

The Washington Trust company declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent yesterday. This company was reorganized eight years ago and has paid six per cent annual dividends for the past five years. Its capital is \$500,000 and its surplus \$700,000. It has now paid out \$100,000 in dividends within the past five years.

At its meeting two weeks ago the board of directors of the Real Estate Trust of Washington declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent on the capital stock of \$200,000, payable January 1.

The directors of the Union Trust company of Washington also took action two weeks ago declaring a quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent upon the capital of \$250,000 payable January 1.

Notice

This store will be open Friday night and closed all day on New Year's, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1910. Berryman's. 11242

Mrs. W. C. Clark, and children left this morning for Beaver, where they will visit friends.

Busy Time Now About the County Commissioners Office.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

Triennial Assessment From Charleroi will be Returned Tomorrow.

Friday is the last day for the return by assessors of the triennial assessment of their respective districts. So far a majority of the boroughs and townships are in, and it is expected that all will be in by Friday evening. With all the regular clerks busy, and with extra clerks and stenographers, these are busy times about the county commissioners' office.

A tabulated statement will furnish to the taxpayers of the county all the information the assessors' returns show. In addition to preparing this table, there is being prepared for the use of the commissioners an alphabetical list of the taxables of each borough and township, and after each name is shown the number of acres of surface owned, coal owned, or coal and surface owned, the value and average per acre. There are separate statements for each. For instance one alphabetical list shows the number of surface land the taxable owns, the value placed thereon by the assessor, and the average per acre.

The same plan is carried out in comparing the coal and in comparing the coal and surface. In addition to these comparisons in townships and boroughs comparisons are also made between different townships. The returns are all being carefully compiled and comparisons made with the returns of three years ago and, where a decrease is shown an inquiry is sent out to the assessor to give the reason for this decrease in the value of the surface, or in the coal, or in the coal and surface.

Each commissioner will be furnished a bound list of the assessments throughout the county, alphabetically arranged, with comparisons made, acreage average, and everything in the best shape possible for the reaching of an equitable adjustment of values throughout the county on surface, coal and surface, and coal.

Assessor Harvey Parsons of Charleroi has been hard at work getting his sheets ready, and expects to make his returns tomorrow.

Premium Tickets

Will be redeemed during January with any of our finest French and Austrian China and Bric a Brac. Bring your tickets in this month and secure this handsome China. Berryman's. 11322

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Your brains are your gold mine—educate them and they will work for you. You simply can't get up if you don't know more. Get a business education in Douglas College—they have more good positions that they can fill. If you want something better, start Jan. 3, 1910, in Night School—6 months for \$20, books free. Come to day school if you can. 11341

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LOCAL AGENCIES

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Dec. 30 in American History.

1851—Lajos (Louis) Kossuth, Hungarian patriot and exile, visited Washington on invitation of congress.

1861—The banks in New York, Philadelphia and Boston suspended specie payments.

1902—The frequents theater burned in Chicago: 583 lives lost.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:28; rises 7:20; moon rises 8:42 p. m.; sun's declination 23 degrees 10 minutes south of celestial equator.

Coming to its Own

The announcement that the preferred stock of the Pittsburgh Coal company has once again been placed on a dividend basis will be welcome intelligence to the large number of stockholders of this section. Since April 25, 1905, the company has passed its dividends, and the stockholders of the preferred class have been content to live on the hope that their holdings, which are on the cumulative basis, would ultimately realize the accrued dividends. The dividend of one and one-quarter per cent just declared by the directors will indicate that the Pittsburgh Coal company is coming back to its own.

Undoubtedly the Pittsburgh Coal company is a responsible concern, but in popular vernacular it is land poor. It has millions of assets in excess of its liabilities, but as the greater part of these assets are locked up in the ground, the stockholders of this generation take little comfort in the future prospects that may not be realized until another generation. This, together with the experience that corporations have ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, creates an impression that no one can tell what a reorganization may bring forth. On paper the Pittsburgh Coal company has assets that are gilt edged and it can figure good profits per acre in its coal production. There are some other things on paper also that are not so alluring. These are some millions of dollars of liabilities in addition to the millions more of preferred and common stock that are entitled to dividends, and as the production of coal is always more or less limited, the stock of the company as a paying investment is as uncertain as any of the smaller concerns.

Legitimate Business Slow

A glance at the dividend statements of the banking institutions that are appearing in the newspapers just now shows that the average rate paid by the most prosperous ones is six per cent. Some of the older and larger banks, however, are on an exceptionally good basis declare a higher rate—eight, ten or twelve per cent—but as a rule few of them go above the latter figure. If any of them realize a surplus above the average rate, it is carefully laid away against the time

which inevitable occurs when business takes a slump. Any legitimate investment that pays six per cent dividends, and can reasonably be depended upon to keep up this rate, is considered in the "gilt edged" class.

The profit rate of the banking institutions is very nearly that of all other legitimate business concerns. The dry good store, the grocery, or the other purveyor of staples, that realizes more than seven or eight per cent profit on its gross business year in and year out, may well be considered on the same business basis as the banks. This is so universally recognized that the legal rate of interest is fixed approximately on the same basis. Six per cent may be considered a low rate of profit by those who have money to loan, yet it is a demonstrated principle that no business or individual can pay that rate on a capital stock for business purposes and refund the principal, except under extraordinary favorable conditions.

The big fortunes made in business enterprises had special conditions in their favor. The Standard Oil company had traffic rebates that no other company could get; the iron and steel interests had tariff protection that enabled them to impose prices away out of all proportions, and other concerns have been equally favored. All legitimate business propositions, however, must be calculated on the six per cent basis of profit, and those that exceed this figure can felicitate themselves on good business management and generally favorable conditions.

An Object Lesson

In view of the pressure that is being brought to bear in certain quarters to compel the county commissioners to readjust coal land assessments to the maximum rate paid per acre in recent purchases, the experience of the Pittsburgh Coal company and its stockholders may furnish something of a guide in determining the proper valuations. There is no doubt but what this company has valuable coal lands in Washington county, and that when marketed the coal has a fixed value, but lying in the ground, together with the fact that it cannot be realized upon perhaps for a generation to come, must necessarily give this asset more or less of a fictitious value.

The county commissioners will do well to go ahead and make their adjustments on the assessed valuation of coal lands on a purely business basis, regardless of whatever political bearings it may have. Heretofore assessments in this county have been made on a purely political basis, and adjustments were also made largely for the promotion of personal political interests. The time has now arrived when justice and equity should govern this matter, and there is no doubt but what they will so far as possible. There is no sense in assessing a product that cannot be realized upon at its maximum value when marketed. The fact that the Pittsburgh Coal company, which has undeniable assets, cannot pay its stockholders interest on the money borrowed to secure these interests, is ample evidence that the product which is still intact, is not worth as much in the hills at it is at the furnace.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

One would surmise from the number of crimes that are being committed at large in Washington county, that we could find use for some State Police.

Dr. Cook is reported to be in Northern Quebec. The explorers on the lookout for him will please take notice.

The man who can find and shoot a goose in the air now, is more admired than the man who discovered the North Pole.

It's an unprofitable performance for a man of times ejecting persons out of a room and break their fool heads, and then the ejector would have to answer.

A joke editor of a magazine is supposed to be funny, no matter how bad he has the grip.

The joys of sleigh riding are vividly pictured, but the street car is the more comfortable.

One good thing about cold winter, it lessens the danger of skating on thin ice.

A man who played Santa Clause for his children sometimes get into an awful mess. One fellow who attempted the stunt got his furs on fire. They had to call out the fire department and the hose was turned on the poor fellow. The water froze as it fell, and now they've got half a dozen fires round him to thaw him out.

Serious minded citizens are always objecting to something in which the people generally find a great deal of pleasure.

Mary Garden calls men babies. What's the matter, Mary? Can't you find anyone to sue for breach of promise?

The Monongahela Republican under the heading of "No Sleighs or Sleds in Charleroi" prints the following:

"While we have had a ringing of sleigh bells in our ears for more than a week, we are yet to see a sleigh, or sled—Charleroi Mail. And then, say Charleroi isn't behind the times. Will some one kindly brush the cob webs or perhaps remove the frost from his windows? But then it must be considered these Charleroi people can hardly be expected to put their buzz wagons, even if there is four feet of snow." The bit reprinted from the Mail was published so long ago that it has been practically forgotten—in fact before the snow began to fall. Now, we wonder who needs to wipe off their specks?

Many of the daily papers, which claim the title of contemporaries of the Mail, are most conspicuous for their lack of local stories. Apparently things do not happen with their wonted frequency.

Faith's Unconquerable Anchorage

As long as sin and sorrow and death are in the world, the Rock of Ages, will be the invincible anchorage of faith.—Rev. Dr. John E. White.

Aroused Her Curiosity After All.

"Don't want any," said a housekeeper from her second story window to a street vender whose covered wagon was standing a few steps away and who had just pulled the bell.

"Don't want any what?" gruffly asked the vender, who hadn't had even a chance to tell what his wares were.

"What have you got?" asked the housekeeper, whose curiosity was getting the better of her amorousness.

"Oh, never mind. You don't want any. Git up, Bob."

"Now, I wonder what that exasperating man is selling, anyhow?" she exclaimed as the wagon disappeared around the corner.—Exchange.

Silenced Him.

The young man in the barber's chair had been annoyed by suggestions of the white coated artist, although he had said clearly enough when he sat down that he wanted only a hair cut and a shampoo. Singeing, facial massage and hair tonics had been offered vainly.

Finally the barber perpetrated what is with barbers the crowning insult. Passing his hand over the young man's face, he said contemptuously: "Share yourself, don't you?" "Sure," said the young man. "Don't you?" And there was silence.—Washington Post.

Muskats For Meat.

Of all animals that supply meat to man the muskrat has been the most abused and the least understood, says the Baltimore Star. Its name had bred in the public mind a prejudice that has been almost unconquerable, but truth will prevail in spite of fate. As a fact the muskrat is one of the neatest and most delightful of animals. It is a crank in cleanliness. It does with the care of an epicure. It eats only the whitest and tenderest morsels. And its flesh has qualities that can be compared only to terrapin. Indeed, there are good people along the Chesapeake, where all the best things live and grow, who find in the well served muskrat satisfaction that is equal to the diamondback. Only the ignorant and the prejudiced think differently, and they may be educated.

The Colossus of Rhodes.

The gigantic Colossus of Rhodes was one of the seven wonders of the world. It was erected in honor of the sun by Charles of Lindus, a disciple of Lysippus, and was thrown down by an earthquake about 224 B. C.

The figure stood upon two moles: a leg extended on each side of the harbor. A winding staircase led to the top of the figure, from out of the eyes of which were visible the coast of Syria and the ships sailing on the coast of Egypt. The colossi were the peculiar characteristic of eastern art and were of common occurrence, many of them being over sixty feet in height. The most celebrated is the statue of Memnos, on the plain of Thebes, described by the historian Strabo.

DESPOTS IN THE LAND.

Some Samples of Absolute Rule in the Household.

Americans like to boast of free government, and in order to earn a good living they look with pity on the down-trodden and oppressed individuals who are the subjects of sultan or czar, but they surely must know that right here in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" we have absolute monarchies ruled by despots.

The good tempered man who must humor every whim of an unreasonable woman knows nothing about a happy home life. It is impossible to love a woman who must be obeyed absolutely, though many wives complacently point to the devotion of their adoring husbands just because those husbands allow them to have their own way in everything.

But there is just as much unhappiness in the home where the husband is the tyrant as where the wife rules. Out in the world some men pass for good citizens and devoted fathers and husbands, but the home folks could tell a different story. There are women living in luxury who never have a penny to call their own and who have to resort to all sorts of trickery to obtain a few dollars.

That a woman has plenty to eat and fine clothes to wear, no matter what some husbands think on the subject. And it isn't only money that makes domestic happiness. Some husbands are so made up that they cannot be easy unless they "manage" every detail of the housekeeping and make everything conform to their pleasure. Entertaining, church work, housecleaning, dozens of feminine occupations have to be carried on by stealth in many homes simply because the husband and father acts like a three-year-old.

The prophet of old pronounced a woe upon the nation whose ruler was a child, but if he lived in these days of childish despots would be too numerous to attract special attention most likely. Of course parents are to blame, but no one could possibly like the pert, saucy children who make slaves of their fathers and mothers. The forward, uppish children lay down the law as calmly as any monarch issues decrees. The mother who does with her clothes to gorgeously attire her daughter is heaping up trouble for her self as sure as anything.

Sometimes the tyrant is a rich relative whom the whole family must obey to keep in a good humor.

There are people who are such slaves to the demands of society that they do not have enough to eat in order to spend the money on dress and entertaining, and if they do not lead a life of slavery then no one does. To be ruled by what people will say is an other form of serfdom, says an exchange, and yet in some homes that is the only recognized law.

Forasight.

Little George, who was four years old, had been told many Bible stories. Among them was the story of the flood and the building of the ark by Noah. One day a storm threatened. The clouds grew darker, the wind arose, and suddenly the rain began to fall.

"Annie," said George, "do you think it is going to storm?"

"Yes, I think it will," was the reply.

"Do you think it will be a hard storm?" asked the little fellow.

"Yes, I think it will be a hard storm," the aunt replied.

"Well, don't you think some of us had better begin building an ark?" he asked.—Los Angeles Times.

"Knocking" Cupid.

There wouldn't be so many breach of promise suits if Cupid didn't get cold feet.—Judge.

Byron Revised.

The boy who braved an angry popper because he could not tell a whooper. Requeathed the name of Washington To make men sigh there was but one.

New York Times.

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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Mrs. John B. Schaefer and Miss Anna Schaefer left today for Brookville where they will visit. Miss Schaefer will remain to attend school there.

Mrs. William F. Hughes of Braddock, after a visit in Charleroi with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Riley, of McKean avenue, has returned home.

Glenn Johnson, a member of the police force of Braddock who has been here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Riley, returned home yesterday.

The Alpha Phi Betas will hold a dance in the Bank of Charleroi Hall tonight. It is expected that a number from out of town will attend the affair.

Mrs. John Steinbaugh was a Pittsburgh visitor yesterday.

Miss Adelle Heipel has gone to Pittsburgh, where she will spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brown, of Durbin, W. Va., Miss Nannie Morgan, of Pittsburgh, Miss Leila Jenks, and Eugene Jenks, of Punxsutawney have been guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin McKay, of Washington avenue.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

An Incident That Seemed to Explain
Joshua's Miracle.

There was an incident in our life at Brandy, connected with Gettysburg, which is worth relating. Barchelder, whose map of the battlefield of Gettysburg is authority and whom we had fallen in with while we were there, asked to join our mess at Brandy when we came to the army to verify the positions of the various commands. One night we had just sat down to dinner when he entered our big hospital tent quite tired.

"Well," he announced after taking his place at the table, "I have been down in the Second corps today, and I believe I have discovered how Joshua made the sun stand still. I first went to — regiment and had the sergeant mark on the map the hour of their position at a certain point. Then I went to — regiment in the same brigade. They declared positively it was one or two hours earlier or later than that given by the other. So it went on for two regiments or brigades, and if I blurted that some of them — certainly be mistaken they would set me down by saying with me. I said, 'Well, there's Barchelder, and we ought to know. I guess, and I made up my mind that it would take a day of at least twenty hours instead of thirteen at Gettysburg to satisfy their accounts. So when Joshua's captain got around him after the fight and they began to talk it over the only way under the heavens that he could ever harmonize their statements was to make the sun stand still and give them all a chance.'"

Any one who has ever tried to establish the exact position of a line when everything took place in an engagement will confirm Barchelder's experience and possibly, if not too orthodox, accept his explanation of Joshua's feat. — Morris Schaff in Atlantic.

Gift For Those Going Abroad.

A pretty and convenient little gift to make for the friend who is going abroad is in the form of a linen envelope about an inch longer and wider than the picture postcards which are so popular.

Green or blue linen may be used and the words "Postal Cards" embroidered in the outline stitch on the front of the envelope. You can embroider your friend's initials on the flap, which fastens with a button and loop.

The envelope is bound with white ribbon and makes a dainty case for the foreign postal cards.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings
of All Denominations.

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When death has come it is never our tenderness we repent of, but our severity. — Elliot.

The Real Reason.
"Why don't you go down Main street?"
"Well, you see, on one side of it lives my tailor and on the other side my shoemaker, while a canal runs through the middle." — Meggendorfer Blatter.

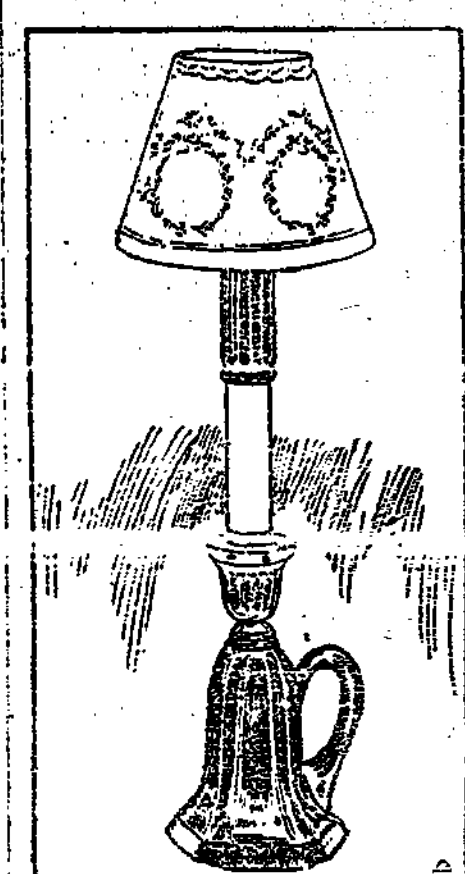
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French Fluted Model That Is Easy to Make.

The day of the glaring droplight over the dining table is done; the hanging lamp is happily tabooed; the chandelier holds its old, exalted position, but its overhead and spreading light is quite discouraged by every bossess who has become a convert to softened colors and candle shades.

Who among us is not won over to the little fairy lights dotted around the festive board? When we happen to be



A FRENCH FLUTED AFFAIR.

In a particularly responsive mood their little, sparkling jets of light seem almost to transport us to some other land.

One particularly happy feature in the candle shade of home manufacture is the ease with which the original may be reproduced. This makes it entirely possible to keep a supply of "repeaters" in reserve for renewing scorched ones and keeping up the required number.

If one is in the least handy with the water color box any of the bristleboard shades may be readily copied. When originality of design is out of the question, tracing may be resorted to and perhaps an even more appropriate color substituted.

A plaited shade resembling the French fluted ones may be accomplished by those fairly expert. The knife plaited material covers a cardboard shield and is fastened at top and bottom with narrow galloon. They are very fetching indeed, quite delicious in their suggestion of the little fluted covers with something to eat inside—and eminently suitable to deck the mahogany when used with the short glass candlestick reproducing the antique.

STAGECOACH ROBBERS.

How the Express Companies Deal
With Old Time Highwaymen.

It was the treasure box of the Wells Fargo company which transported practically all the gold and silver from the mining camps that was the special object of the old time stagecoach highwayman. A shrewd band of robbers would not hold up a stage unless they had good reason to think it carried a large shipment of gold, and they used every means to find out when these shipments would be made. The company, on the other hand, tried to deceive and trap them, and there was a war of wits as well as weapons. A favorite method of the company when their stages had been repeatedly robbed by some band whose success showed they had inside information as to the time of shipment was to let a rumor leak out that on a certain day a large amount of gold dust would be secretly sent out by special stage. This, of course, would reach the ears of some of the band and a robbery be duly organized. A spy would see a number of heavy boxes placed aboard and report all well. When the highwaymen halted the stage the driver and guard would quickly give up and crawl to the ground. Then just when the bands had grown careless from easy success there poured from the looped coach a deadly fire that at such short range wiped out the entire gang at the first volley. For the coach was a decor, filled not with gold, but with men expert with the rifle. In 1866 three bands were thus blown to perdition on the old stage line between Virginia City, Nev., and Sacramento, Washington Post.

new when to stop.
The shrewd lawyer knows when to stop questioning, and none is more shrewd than the one who, conducting a case of bribery, questioned a man the other day who is rated high in the business world.

"Have you yourself ever refused a bribe?" he asked.

"No, but"

"That is all," said the lawyer.

At a later time he was asked why he had dismissed the witness so soon.

"Because," he replied, "I knew by the 'but' that he was going to tell me no one had ever attempted to bribe him." — New York Times.

Only an Amateur Now.
"No, sir," said the man who had been asked for alms, "I can give you nothing. You are a professional beggar, aren't you?"

"I used to think so," replied the beggar, as he sadly pulled two cents and a collar button from his pocket. "But I have come to the conclusion that I am only an amateur."

TWO CLEVER ROGUES

By F. A. MITCHELL

One morning a gentleman drove up to a New York hotel in a cab, a trunk plastered all over with foreign labels was carried in, and the gentleman following wrote his name on the register. "Edward Cheltenham, Sheffield, England."

"Had a pleasant voyage?" asked the clerk urbanely.

"Very. Regular mill pond trip."

"Front! Show the gentleman to 50."

Mr. Cheltenham dined heartily, went to bed, arose betimes the next morning, breakfasted and strolled out of the hotel and down the street.

"What building is this?" he asked of one who was passing before an enormous structure.

"Criminal court."

Mr. Cheltenham stood with a best rating look on his face for a few moments, then entered and took a seat in the courtroom. Several minor cases were disposed of when the case of Stephen Dale was called. Dale was charged with burglary. He had not been caught in the act, but running away from the scene of the robbery was committed and within a few hundred feet of the back door. The hour of the arrest was midnight, and there was at the time no other person in the immediate neighborhood, so naturally the evidence against him, though circumstantial, was strong. Indeed, the judge appeared impatient to dispose of the case, which could only be expected to result in a conviction. It was about to be submitted to the jury when the prisoner, catching sight of Mr. Cheltenham, seemed transported with astonishment and relief.

"Your honor," he exclaimed, "there is a man who can prove what I have claimed—that when the robbery was committed I was not in this country."

"What man?"

"The gentleman in the gray suit, with sandy whiskers. I ask that he be called to the witness stand."

"What's your name?" asked the judge of the person designated.

"Edward Cheltenham."

"Take the stand."

"I protest against being drawn into this case, of which I know nothing," said Mr. Cheltenham, evidently annoyed. "I'm a British citizen just over from England on business and never saw that man before in my life."

"Take the stand," repeated the judge.

The Britisher obeyed, muttering something about the "blasted country" and the rights of a British citizen.

"Your residence?" asked the judge.

"Sheffield, England."

"Occupation?"

"I am the traveling partner of a large cutlery manufactory."

Turning to the prisoner, the judge told him to state on what grounds he based his claim that the stranger could prove an alibi.

"The robbery was committed," said Dale, "on the 20th of June last. During that month I was a porter at Morley's hotel in Charing Cross, London. I carried the gentleman's luggage from his room down and out to a cab. I remember him especially because he gave me a very large tip—half a sovereign."

The judge asked the witness if he was in London and at Morley's at the time designated.

"I don't know," said Mr. Cheltenham. "I can't be expected to remember every place I visit. I travel eight months in the year. This man is an impostor and trying to use me."

"Do you keep any memoranda of places you visit?"

"Only an expense account."

"Have you your expense account covering that period with you?"

"I have my memorandum book of expenses at my hotel. I'll go and get it if you like, but I'm sure"

"Take him to his hotel," said the judge to a constable. "Get the book and bring him and the book back."

Mr. Cheltenham, bristling with British indignation, was conducted to his hotel, unlocked his trunk, took out the memorandum book, of which the constable took charge, and the party returned to the courtroom.

"Tell the jury," said the judge, "if you have any entry made at Morley's hotel, London, on or about June 20."

The witness, still indignant, fumbled over the leaves of the book and at last stopped apparently disconcerted. Then he said, "I do find an entry pertaining to the case on June 21 covering expenses at Morley's and"—He stopped, with a look of astonishment.

"And what?"

"To porter, tip—half a sovereign."

Never was there greater surprise at a remarkable happening. Dale's vindication was complete. The judge gave a lecture on the care that should be taken in cases involving the liberty or life of the people, and the jury acquitted the accused without leaving their seats. Even Mr. Cheltenham was softened, though he declared that no such narrow escape of an innocent man could have occurred in England. The prisoner was released from custody, and Mr. Cheltenham was permitted to return to his hotel.

An hour later an officer of the court under pretext of carrying to Mr. Cheltenham his witness fee, but really to learn something of the Britisher, went to his hotel. Mr. Cheltenham immediately on his return from the courtroom was departed, and all witnesses All the stations were telephoned to and the same evening Cheltenham, alias Sparkles, alias Hunker Jim, was arrested in company with Dale. The next day the two were summarily convicted of having robbed the bank and hustled off to the penitentiary to serve out a twenty year sentence.

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GREAT SEASON OF OPERA

Pittsburgh's season of grand opera at the Nixon Theatre next week holds forth charm in its repertoire that has not been offered to opera lovers in this section in years. Also for the first time in years it is promised that Pittsburgh is to have the classic masterpieces staged exactly as one sees them in New York, London or Paris. To do this the Boston Grand Opera Company is to bring two trainloads of artists, musicians and scenery, including all its original Boston productions. Director Henry Russell, backed by the Boston millionaire art patrons who built the great Boston Opera House, has determined that this first visit of the company shall be made notable in the local Grand Opera annals. There is no better way to impress a modern audience than to give them something better than has been given before. For this reason the company will bring its original productions. There is as great difference between original productions and those which the big company heretofore have taken with them on tour, as there is between five dollar opera and opera of the dollar brand. In the past Pittsburgh and other cities in the middle west have been getting the "dollar" productions. Nor will the Boston Opera company divide its forces and attempt to give opera elsewhere the same week it is in Pittsburgh.

For the opening performance next Monday night will be given Verdi's pictorial Egyptian opera "Aida," mounted as it has never been done before in this country. The great work with its stirring harmonies, its famous "Celeste Aida" aria, its fascinating trio in the Nile scene between the Ethiopian princess and her father and the Egyptian warrior, its triumphant march and ballet to welcome the victors and its imposing temple scenes, is essentially an operatic pageant--greater than any yet written. Over 200 people are shown on the stage in one scene. With Constantino and his rafter-shaking high "C" as Rhadames, with Baklanoff, the Russian baritone, as Amneris, Director Russell presents the Paris Opera as the ill-fated Aida, and with Mme. Maria Gay, the Spanish contralto as the beautiful princess. Amneris, Director Russell presents the Paris Opera as the ill-fated Aida, and with Mme. Maria Gay, the Spanish contralto as the beautiful princess. Amneris, Director Russell presents the Paris Opera as the ill-fated Aida, and with Mme. Maria Gay, the Spanish contralto as the beautiful princess.

On Wednesday afternoon will be the only German opera of the week when Mme. Nordica, the world's greatest Elsa, and Mme. Olitzka, one of the world's greatest Ortruds, will sing in "Lohengrin." Every music lover will delight in hearing the "Wedding March," Elsa's love song, the "Grail Song," and the Silver Knight's "Swan Song," with the other glorious harmonies of his most popular opera in the world. The overture for "Lohengrin" will start at 1:30 p. m. sharp. On Wednesday night will come the production of "Carmen," with its Spanish gypsy heroine, in which same day, a daughter of Spain, scored her tremendous success at Covent Garden last year. "Carmen" is another superb production and will have a big cast headed by Constantino as Don Jose. Puccini's opera of the Latin quarter, "La Boheme," with winsome Alice Nielsen as Mimì, the role in which she made her first success at the Metropolitan, and Bonci as the tenor, will be the Thursday night bill. Of all the modern composers none has caught the American favor like Puccini in his two most popular operas, "La Boheme" and "Madama Butterfly," both of which are to be heard in Pittsburgh. Alice Nielsen will be the heroine in each, singing "Madama Butterfly" at the Saturday matinee. Both will be sung in Italian.

On Friday night there will be a special diversion in addition to the "Lakme" performance, when the sensational Russian dancer, De Swirsky, will make her first appearance in Pittsburgh. Her programme of classic dances will include an interpretation of Grieg's "Peer Gynt" suite, assisted by the entire orchestra. This new dancer is famous for her work of such musical beauty, of such appealing romance in its story of the tragic maiden Lakme and of such oriental scenic splendor in its pictures of India where the story is laid, that it offers the novelty treat for the week. An entirely different type of singer is required for this opera. Its florid title role with the world-famous "Bell Song" will give the first opportunity to hear the great Lipkowska, the only new sensation of the New York season. Mme. Lipkowska is the little blonde Russian beauty from the Czar's Imperial Opera at St. Petersburg who created a furore last spring when she was permitted by the Czar to sing in Paris. She made her New York debut as Violet in "Traviata" and took the Metropolitan Opera audience by storm. She was called out three times after they forgot Caruso was in the cast. It is predicted that Lipkowska will be the talk of the town after the Tuesday night performance of "Lakme," and the Nixon will probably not be large enough to hold the crowd on Friday night when the opera will be repeated. "Lakme" will be sung in French. Delibes is celebrated for his finished gems of composition for the Coloratura singer and the dancer. His "Sylvia" and "Copellia" ballets are favorites on the symphony orchestra programs, while his "Lakme" ballet is his master composition in terpsichorean music. The production for Pittsburgh is the same elaborate investiture that goes to the New Theatre later in the season.

The week of grand opera will close with popular "Rigoletto" sung in Italian, and a cast of particular excellence, including Frances Aida from the Metropolitan as Gilda, Constantino as the Duke, his favorite role; Baklanoff, in his masterful impersonation of Rigoletto, and Nivette, the Italian basso, as Sparafucile. Subscriptions from out-of-town patrons will be filled at the Nixon Theatre as near as possible location desired. Prices for all performances are \$5.00 for the lower floor, with balcony prices from \$2.00 to \$5.00, and the gallery at \$1.50 and \$1.00 reserved. Make all checks payable to the Boston Opera Company.

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